# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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IODINE DEFICIENCY DISORDERS
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders Day is observed on the 21st October;

(b) if so, the details of programmes launched to control the disease;

(c) the amount spent on National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme (NIDDCP) during each of the last three years;

(d) the amount allocated for the NIDDCP for the year 2002- 2003; and

(e) the significant achievements so far?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): In order to control the Iodine deficiency Disorders, the Government is implementing the National iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme (NIDDCP) formerly known as National Goitre Control Programme.The programme strategy includes survey and re - survey of Iodine Deficiency Disorder, supply of iodised salt, monitoring of iodine content of salt as well as Urinary Iodine Excretion, Health Education and Publicity to increase awareness among people.

(c): During the last three years, the following amount was spent under National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme

| Year | Amount (Rs:In crores) |
|---|---|
| 1999-2000 | 3.12 |
| 2000-01 | 4.13 |
| 2001-02 | 4.14 |

(d): An amount of Rs.7.00 crores has been allocated for the National Iodine Deficiency Disorder ControlProgramme for the year 2002-03.

(e): The significant reduction in the incidence of Iodine Deficiency disorderhas been noticed in resurvey conducted in the endemic districts. Through quality control it is also ensured that more than 90% of the iodated salt requirement of the country is produced and supplied.